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In re Application of:

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Title: AN ANISOTROPIC POLYMER LAYER

**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWABILITY****MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE**

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Notice of Allowability mailed 1 December 2004. Applicants would like to add to the Examiner's Comments that U.S. Patent No. 4,892,392 fails to teach or suggest a tilt angle  $\theta$  in each of the layers varying continuously in a direction normal to the layer, starting from a minimum value  $\theta_{\min}$  of 0 – 20 degrees at the side of the layer facing the other layer or, if present, the common substrate, and ranging to a maximum value  $\theta_{\max}$  of 20 – 90 degrees on the opposite side of the layer.

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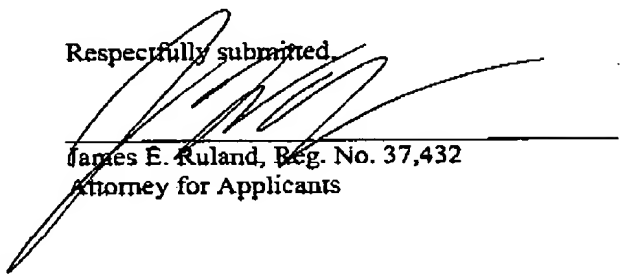
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